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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: REPORT OF FIFTH PLENARY

MEETING, SEPTEMBER 24, 1975, TTBT/PNE DELEGATION

MESSAGE NO. 14

1. SUMMARY. BUCHHEIM READ STATEMENT RESPONDING BRIEFLY TO SOME OF PREVIOUS SOVIET QUESTIONS AND HANDED OVER LIST OF SUGGESTED CHANGES IN DRAFT TREATY LANGUAGE (MOSCOW 13660). SOVIETS REITERATED CONCERN WITH RELATIONSHIP OF 10 KILOMETERS RADIUS OF OBSERVER ACCESS AND 40 KILOMETERS BETWEEN EXPLOSIVES, AND SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE SUGGESTED WORKING DEALING WITH "AGREED ROUTES" WHICH WOULD ALSO APPLY TO AREA BEYOND 10 KILOMETERS. IN EXCHANGE ON COOPERATION, SAFRONOV SAID "TIME TO TIME" WORDING IN TREATY ARTICLE VII DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH SOVIET VIEWS THAT SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD BE CONTINUING AND OBLIGATORY. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT BASIC CONCERN ON THIS ITEM IS LINGUISTIC IN NATURE, AND COULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN HEADS OF DELEGATIONS. REMAINING QUESTIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED IN WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. SAFRONOV SAID SOVIETS HOPE THESE MEETINGS WILL BE CONCLUDED BY END OF NEXT WEEK. MEETING OF WORKING GROUP II IS SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 PM THURSDAY; WORKING GROUP I FOR 10:00 AM FRIDAY. END SUMMARY.

2. BUCHHEIM READ STATEMENT RESPONDING BRIEFLY TO SOVIET

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QUESTIONS ON DEFINITION OF GROUP, RADIUS OF OBSERVER

ACTIVITIES, ARTICLE VII OF THE TREATY, AND ARTICLES II AND III OF PROTOCOL I. LIST OF SUGGESTED LANGUAGE CHANGES BASED ON STATE 226455 WAS HANDED OVER.

3. SAFRONOV RESPONDED THAT US STATEMENT CLARIFIED POSITION BUT THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO PROVISIONS IN TREATY OR PROTOCOLS FOR ACCESS OF REPRESENTATIVES OUTSIDE 10 KILOMETER LIMIT. SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON ACCESS CONSISTENT WITH OTHER PROVISIONS OF DRAFT TREATY AND PROTOCOLS.

4. IN TREATY ARTICLE VII, PHRASE "TIME TO TIME" CONTINUES TO TROUBLE SOVIETS. IN THEIR VIEW, THIS WORDING IMPLIES NO FIRM OBLIGATION. COOPERATION BETWEEN PARTIES SHOULD BE CONTINUOUS AND OBLIGATORY RATHER THAN "FROM TIME TO TIME". SOVIETS WILL PROPOSE NEW LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE VII FOR US TO STUDY.

5. REMAINING QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN GROUP MEETINGS. MEETING OF GROUP I SCHEDULED FOR 10 AM FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2YTH. BEZUMOV STRESSED NEED FOR ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PROTOCOL I ARTICLE VI(D) AND (F), AND PROPOSED THIS AS SUBJECT FOR GROUP II MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH.

6. COMMENT: IT APPEARS ON BASIS SAFRONOV COMMENTS AT MEETING AND INFORMAL POST-SESSION DISCUSSION OF TREATY ARTICLE VII PARA 2 ON COOPERATION THAT ESSENCE OF SOVIET OBJECTION IS THAT US DRAFT SAYS THAT PARTIES "MAY" ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS ON COOPERATION RATHER THAN THAT THEY "SHALL" ENTER INTO SUCH AGREEMENTS. IDEA OF DEFERRAL OF DEFINITION AND SPECIFICS OF PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN AGREEMENTS APPEARS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO SAFRONOV SO LONG AS THERE IS CLEAR OBLIGATION TO ENTER INTO SUCH AGREEMENTS.

7. MOROKHOV RETURNS MOSCOW SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH.  
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